REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The claims are amended by the present response to make minor clarifications and to no longer recite any multiple dependencies. Subject matter of the canceled multiple dependencies is now set forth in new dependent claims 12-17. The claim amendments are not believed to narrow the claims in any aspect or raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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